

EDUCATION MATTERS

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Education Matters is designed to provide parents and those interested in education with current “snippets” and links to information that might be of help in understanding and dealing with educational issues and bringing up children in a society that, on the whole, does not hold any respect for biblical teaching.

CViE Conference 2026: Countering the Culture

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR OF CViE

Dear Friends and Supporters of Christian Values in Education,

Welcome to this edition of *Education Matters*, a summary of recent findings and articles which we trust will be helpful for you. As the school year ends and the lull of the summertime beckons, there is no let-up in the need for parents to be alert as to what is taking place in education.

With children at home more than usual, and time spent in the car travelling to holiday destinations, there will be many opportunities to discuss matters that affect them. You will find articles on a variety of subjects, ranging from exciting scientific evidences of creation (and rebuttals of evolutionary theory), to important reflection on the use of phones and AI. Or, you may just prefer to tune into a podcast that promises to be both educational and entertaining.

We hope to see all of our supporters at the National Conference in Luton this September, featuring an engaging lineup of speakers: Susan Marriott on 'Defending the Sanctity of Life', Julie Maxwell on 'Sex and Relationships: A Better Narrative', and James Taylor on 'Truth in a Post-Truth World'.

No matter how dark the times may be – and the UK seems to be in a particularly dark and possibly darkening one – Christians recall the bewildered state of Jesus' followers after His resurrection, and how He blessed and empowered them after His ascension. They were changed by the power of the Holy Ghost, and enabled to live to the calling that He gave to all His people, **ye are witnesses** (Luke 24:48). CViE strives to assist His people in this.

With Christian greetings
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EDUCATION



[Dinosaur soft tissue gets 'ironic' response](#)

If there is a 'silver bullet' in debating the age of the earth and dinosaurs, the discovery of dinosaur soft tissue is it. Bone cells have been discovered which show flexible blood vessels and red blood cells alongside soft and stretchy ligaments from a supposedly 68-million-year-old T-rex bone.

[Biologist Explains Why Humans Didn't Evolve – It's in Our DNA](#)

DNA screams a shocking truth about human origins that challenges everything we've been told about evolution. The evidence reveals life couldn't have started from a primordial soup, and even if it could, it couldn't be maintained over millions of years. Every cell in your body suffers a million DNA breaks daily, requiring incredibly complex repair systems that must all work perfectly from day one.

The mathematics are devastating: mutations accumulate faster than natural selection can remove them, meaning species should have gone extinct long ago. Yet we're here, with genetic evidence pointing to a recent origin from a small population—exactly what ancient texts predicted. Dr Robert Carter exposes how DNA destroys evolutionary theory.

[7 Dangerous Views of Creation to Avoid](#)

Many Christians question biblical creation, offering other explanations that attempt to combine the Bible and scientific theory. This video offers a brief and clear explanation of seven theories and show how these views are all incompatible with the word of God – these include gap theory, progressive creation, framework hypothesis, theistic evolution, functional creation, genealogical Adam and Eve, and mytho-history. It is extremely helpful to have a basic understanding of these 7 views that can cause such harm.

[How Schools Use Sleight of Hand When Teaching Evolution](#)

Preparing children for the ways that schools will present evolution to them – and how to respond - is important for Christian parents. This helpful video exposes how evolution is presented to students as an established scientific fact, while the examples that are actually given are of natural selection. This is misleading, because natural selection is not evolution.

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[Four Ways to Serve Your Kids' School This Year](#)

One of the simplest ways to love a city is to serve its schools. Education, among other structures, is one of the main components on which a city thrives, creates culture, and builds the well-being of its population. Christians are called to seek the welfare of our city, and we can do no better than to invest our time and energy into a local school.

[Real Cool History for Kids](#)

If you're looking for a podcast to play on a long drive, consider the Christian "Real Cool History for Kids." These 15-minute episodes are aimed at children aged 6-12, and with more than 150 to choose from there will be a topic that will interest all. They all bring a biblical worldview.

What will your child read next?

Head to the [CViE Book Review Library](#)
for objective reviews to assist you in making informed decisions.

ETHICAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES



[Discipling Teenagers Regarding Popular Music](#)

Christian homes can easily be invaded by secular pop music. Parents may be caught in a conflict between not wanting to deny their children their favorite music artist but also not wanting them listening to some of the unwholesome messages. How, then, might Christian parents talk to their teenagers about it? This article uses a famous singer's recent album to offer talking points for parents to disciple their teens to think through popular music choices.

[How Do I Talk to My Kids about Gender?](#)

Christians know the God who made every single boy and girl in the whole world. We know his goodness, and his character will not change, even as cultural change swirls around us. We have solid and good news to offer our children. Here are five truths that can give us courage as we talk to our children about gender.

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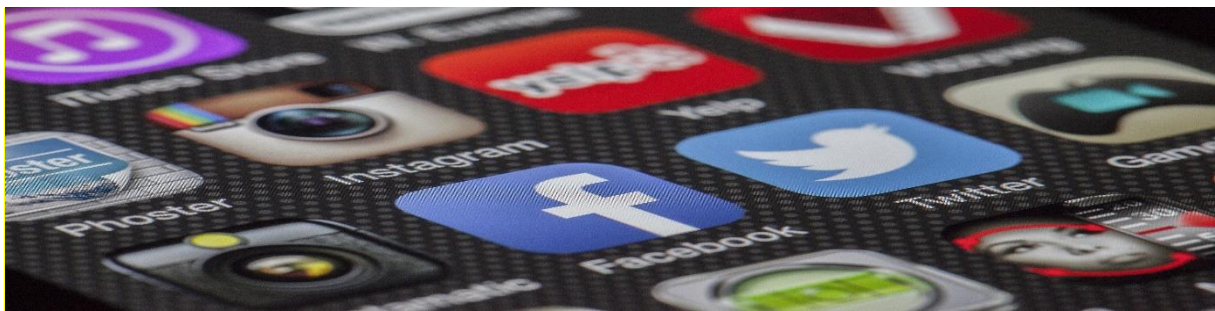
[Starter Links Home Education to 'Extremism' in Hastings Speech](#)

If you wondered what the Government really thinks of home educators, you need wonder no longer. The former Prime Minister spelt it out in no uncertain terms: you are not trusted, and you are perceived as a potentially negative force in society. It may be helpful to parents to know this core opinion in the face of all manner of new education legislation e.g. the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

['My daughter fell down the transgender rabbit hole'](#)

A mother tells how her gender-confused daughter was first introduced to transgender ideology through a PSHE lesson in primary school and set on the pathway to social and medical 'transition', resulting in a breakdown in their relationship. The girl was subsequently affirmed in the lie that she had been 'born in the wrong body' by online influencers, teachers and pro-trans medics.

TECHNOLOGY



[Kids and Screens Are a Toxic Combo](#)

Yet another study proves that screen time has adverse effects on children, including anxiety, emotional irregularity, low self-esteem, aggression, conduct problems, and attention struggles. The American Psychological Association (APA) recently published a meta study that distilled the data from 117 studies involving the screen time usage, which findings included that a child permitted hours of screen time per day was much more likely to develop emotional and behavioral issues. Those emotional difficulties seem to drive children back to screens for comfort. It is an addictive, vicious cycle.

[Is a smartphone-free childhood the key to raising healthier, happier kids?](#)

For who would prefer to listen than to read, this podcast explores why screen time moderation doesn't work—and why parents may need to rethink technology entirely. It is explained why passive media like TV affects children differently than interactive screens, how a 30-day digital detox can reset children's brains, and why it's never too late for parents to change course. Practical strategies are offered for creating a tech-free family culture, building parent communities for accountability, and choosing safer alternatives to smartphones.

[The AI Revolution is Coming for our Kids](#)

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Nearly three-quarters of teens say they have used an AI companion, over half use them at least a few times a month, and yet only 37% of parents know their child has used one. Most parents have no idea their child is talking to an AI chatbot downloaded on a chatbot app on a smart device. The technology is moving fast, and there is real danger here.

[How to Fight Your Phone Idolatry](#)

Merriam-Webster defines “idolatry” in two ways: “the worship of a physical object as a god” and “immoderate attachment or devotion to something.” Using either of those definitions, it’s easy to see how easily we can be idolaters with our smartphones. Christians must ‘consider their ways’, and whether theirs is the behavior of idolaters - immoderately attached to phones, giving them our constant attention. It’s idolatry when these digital deities become the focal points of our attention—far more than the King of the universe.

[5 Questions for Parents to Talk with Teens About AI](#)

Given the many disturbing news reports linking chatbots to serious incidents with teens, parents need to talk with them about AI. More than ever, families must disciple young people to use technology wisely from the foundation of God’s Word.

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[Train a Child Up, Before the World Does](#)

The faith of Christians, especially young people, can be shipwrecked by flimsy arguments. And yet, we live in a “golden age” of Christian answers. From apologetics to social issues to biblical skepticism to critical thinking, we have access to more quality biblical thinking about more things than maybe any other generation in history. Parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers can prepare students for the questions and criticisms they will face.

[School’s guide to respecting religious beliefs in RSE](#)

Christian Concern sets out how, in response to updated guidance and key legal cases, Christian schools and teachers can best follow government guidelines relating to RSE and still respect religious beliefs. This guide is to help schools make sure they have done all they can to fully engage with religious views, and remain compliant with the law.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4-5 September 2026

Truth in Science Summer School

26 September 2026

CViE Conference 2026 – ‘Countering the Culture’

10 October 2026

ACT Annual Conference

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Finally ...

Please let us know if there are any topics that you feel should be covered in *Education Matters*. If you come across any issues at all that may be of interest to supporters of CViE, please let us know by emailing: enquiries@cvie.org.uk.

We would acknowledge the Lord's goodness in providing for the work of CViE, and if you are able to contribute to our continued work please [donate here](#).

The Lord grant us a spirit of prayer, that He might help parents and those involved in education to hold fast to the Word of God and that He might watch over children and young people and keep them from the dangers that would corrupt them.

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